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THE OBSERVATOR.

The Review continues to calumniate the King of Sweden. *That Prince vindicated. The* Rehearſer *on Horſe-back. An Account of the Antiquities and Vertues of his Horſe; as alſo of the Vertues of the Rider. Something from* Ireland: *With Remarks.*

From **Wednesday**, September 3. to **Saturday**, September 6. 1707.

ntry-m. MAſter, your two doughty Antagoniſts, Mr. *Review* and Mr. *earſal*, will find you Work: You need not r Subject, while they write.

Obſ. But, *Roger*, I had rather have no Work that Nature; I know how to employ my n to better Purpoſe; but 'tis abſolutely neſſary, for me to take up ſuch, as under diſſent Perſwaſions, meet in one Point of the ſtruction of *Engliſh* Liberties, and teach the ople the Doctrines of Slavery. One tells us, hat the *Engliſh* Conſtitution ended when the *ion* commenc'd. As weak as I am, I will gue that Point with any Man living; and ove, that our Conſtitution is the ſame as e- r; that it muſt be, can be, and ſhall be no her. The other tells us, That there is no dleration-Act now in *England*, that is, That e Diſſenters have no Liberty of Conſcience, t that the Exerciſe of their Religion, is prearious to the Church. This is done on Purſe by both of 'em, to amuſe the People, and ake them queſtion their Standing, when they ever ſtood on a more firm Foot of Liberty nd Property, than they do in this Reign: And 'tis for the Sake of the common People, hat I write, to ſhew 'em in the plaineſt Methods, the right Side of Things, that they may not be miſled by the Craft and Cunning of evil Men, who mean no Good to their native Country. —— Well, but prethee what ſays Mr. *Review*?

Country-m. Why, Maſter, he ſeems very angry with the King of *Sweden*, (who, by Way of Deriſion, he calls the Great *Gothick* Hero) and inſults him, becauſe he is ſatisfy'd with the Compliances of the Emperor.

Obſ. I thought he had been angry with him, becauſe he was not ſatisfy'd with the Emperor's Compliance.

Country-m. He is angry, and will be angry with the King of *Sweden*; and he pays the ſame Reſpect to a crown'd Head, as he does to the *Obſervator*; for he will give a Reaſon to no Body for any Thing he ſays.

He ſays, That the Emperor, *in this, has acted right politickly*, (he is a good Judge of Politicks, you know, Maſter) *to ſtop every Gap, and rather yield to him* (that is the King of *Sweden*) *that ſeeks Occaſion againſt him, at ſuch a Juncture as this; and in my Senſe, I confeſs, very diſhonorable, than &c.*

Obſ. Roger, the King of *Sweden* us'd to have an Ambaſſador or Envoy here; but by the Inſults he meets with, one would think, he had no other Vindicator, than the *Obſervator*. Here's a fine Character of his *Swediſh* Majeſty, *he ſeeks Occaſions againſt the Emperor, i. e.* to embroil the Confederacy, and thoſe Occaſions are *very diſhonourable*. A high Charge! I hardly dare ſay ſo much againſt the Pope.

Country-m. Maſter, I will read you the Character he gives of the King of *Sweden*, and then I will have done with him: *If this be to be a* HERO; *if this be to make a King great and terrible in the World; God Almighty grant* England *may never be govern'd by* HEROES!

Obſ. Why did not he put up the ſame Prayer for *Scotland*? He has got good Quarters there, and Buſineſs; his very Commiſſion for ten thouſand Pounds *per Annum* in Salt, is a good Subſiſtance for an honeſt Man and his Family; beſides the *&c.* of *&c.* But, *Roger*, I have known the Time, when *England* wanted ſuch a HERO as the King of *Sweden*, and do wiſh our Poſterity may never want ſuch a One, as bad as the *Review* would make him.

I know no Reaſon in the World, for the *Review*'s treating the King of *Sweden* after ſo barbarous a Manner, but becauſe he is a Friend to the Proteſtants, and puts Princes in Mind of their Treaties. But the *Review* has a particular Enmity and Grudge againſt the foreign Proteſtants: How has he beſlav'd and berebbel'd the poor *Hungarian* Proteſtants; call'd 'em *perfidious*, *treacherous*, and all the ugly Names, that human Malice could invent? And what Reaſon has he thus to vilify the King of *Sweden*, for attempting to reſtore the Proteſtants of *Sileſia* to their Rights by Treaty, of which, the Crown of *Sweden* was Guarrantee? But enough of this: What do'ſt offer next, *Roger*?

Country-m. Maſter, now I preſent you with Mr. *Rehearſal*, upon the grand Paw, a Horſeback.

Obſ. Prethee, *Roger*, take Care that his Horſe does not paw me down, or that he does not come near me, within Reach of his Whip or Spur.

Country-m. Maſter, now he's a perfect Eccleſiaſtical Knight-Errant; he only wants *Don Quixot*'s Launce, and *Mambrino*'s Helmet, to equip him compleatly. But his Horſe, is a Horſe of Horſes; not ſuch another in the whole World.

Obſ. 'Tis not *Sorrel*, is it?

Country-m. Sorrel, piſh! *Sorrel* was an Aſs, to this Horſe. If *Toby Langdon* could come at him, he would kiſs his Poſteriors.

Obſ. Stable the Horſe, Man! if thou wil't not tell his Vertues.

Country-m. This is the very Horſe, that King *Adam*

Adam us'd to ride about the Garden of *Eden*; and he has got the very Pillion in his Hoſtlery, that Queen *Eve* us'd to ride upon behind *Adam*.

Obſ. Why, Man! this is a High-Church Rarity; and I find his Horſe will carry double.

Country-m. Yes, Maſter; a tacking Prieſt before, and the Whore of *Babylon* behind him. But this Horſe has Vertues yet more excellent.

Obſ. What are they?

Country-m. He can ſpeak? And did ſpeak but t'other Day to his Maſter, as you may ſee in his No. 239.

Obſ. This is a rare Horſe, indeed: I wonder whether *Balaam*'s Aſs be dead yet; if he be not, we might hope for a learned Diſcourſe betwixt *Balaam*'s Aſs, and *Leſley*'s Horſe.

Country-m. Maſter, I fancy the Horſe would talk as wiſely as his Rider; I will leave you to Judge of it. He ſays, *That what is call'd the Act of Tolleration, is no more than an Exemption of Diſſenters from ſome legal Puniſhments; that 'tis the Charity of the Church towards them, and that the Church protects them.*

Obſ. This is all Fallacy again, *Roger*; for the Church can neither give them a Tolleration, nor protect them in it.

All the Priviledges the Church her ſelf enjoys, proceeds from the Favour and Charity of the State; 'tis the State of *England*, that has eſtabliſh'd the Church, and therefore it is call'd the Church of *England* as by Law eſtabliſh'd. The Convocation, the repreſentative Body of the Church, can make no *Law* in Favour either of themſelves or the Diſſenters; and what Power they have in Eccleſiaſtical Affairs, is by Grant of Parliament.

When the *Rehearſer* argues at this Rate, he argues againſt Fact: For did the Clergy (the Church) give the Diſſenters Liberty of Conſcience? Nay, had they a Hand, ſo much as a Finger in that Concern? Did not the Parliament begin and end that Affair, without ſo much as aſking any Body's Advice in the Matter? This is the ſole Priviledge and Power of the Legiſlative repreſentative Body of the Realm; and 'tis very rational it ſhould be ſo, for if the Clergy (the Church) were to be conſulted in Matters of this Nature, it would be making them Judges in their own Cauſe, and leaving the common Tranquility of the Kingdom precarious to the Ambition or Malice of the Clergy.

This Act was paſs'd upon the mature Deliberation and Conſideration of the Parliament; and without doubt they concluded, That either theſe Laws were unjuſt in themſelves, or deſtructive of the publick Tranquility; as indeed we had by long and woful Experience found: And therefore they paſs'd this Act, to prevent the like Evils and Inconveniencies for the future.

But, *Roger*, look beneath the Parſon's Gown, and behold the cloven Foot: When he ſpeaks of the Church, he means High-Church, which you know has a wonderful Charity for the Diſſenters, their tender-hearted Protectors. He muſt mean High-Church, or no Church. The moderate Church-men, which are the only true Church-men, are well ſatisfy'd with the Tolleration, and go Hand in Hand together in the Service of God and the Queen: The Queen is pleas'd with it, and has been graciouſly pleas'd to promiſe to maintain and ſupport it. All good Men are pleas'd with it, and do ſee the good and happy Effects thereof: Who then are diſpleas'd at it? Only the tacking Party, that have an equal Hatred to the Queen, the Government, the Diſſenters, and the Liberties of *Engliſh*-men.

Country-m. Maſter, I fancy our tacking Prieſts and the Papiſhes, are both of a Side; their Fiddles are tun'd to the ſame Key, and they keep exact Time one with another. Our Prieſts are raiſing Jealouſies and Fears in the Minds of her Majeſty's good Subjects in *England*, while the Papiſh Prieſts in *Ireland*, lately arriv'd from *France*, are the Trumpeters of Rebellion. One of 'em, a Fryar, lately preach'd to the bigot *Iriſh*, on this Text; *Let not your Hands ſpare, nor your Eyes pity.* This, in my Country Capacity, is a ſure Sign what they intend, and what they would do, if God, for our Sins, ſh... it in their Power.

Obſ. We can't forget or diſtruſt the Cruelty o... *Iriſh* Papiſts, while the Maſſacre is ſo recent, ev... the Memory of many: But had not our Hands ſp... had Duke *Schomberg* given Leave to the *Lon...* and *Inniſkilling* Men at the *Newry* Paſs, and at *Dun...* had King *William* given Leave to purſue at the ... there had not been the twentieth part of that Brood ... Day in *Ireland*.

Now, the Arguments this Swarm of Prieſts produ... captivate the *Iriſh* Papiſts, are, the ill Condition of ... Allies beyond Sea, and they inſtance the Battel of *A...za*; which they ſhow 'em in magnifying Glaſſes, as ... do every Thing elſe; that we have a green Army in ... *land*; that the Gentlemen of *Londonderry*, have ... diſoblig'd by not being pay'd their Arrears, and ſo ... expected to ſtand Neuters, *&c.*

In the firſt Place, *Roger*, I thank God, my Lord *A... broke* is there at this Juncture. The Goverment is ... ſure and ſafe Hands; and I hope ſo is the Militia of ... Kingdom. The *Iriſh* have not Arms ſufficient for a ... bellion, and can be ſupply'd with none but from *Fra...* and that with great Difficulty; for the Cuſtom-ho... Officers on that Side, are as diligent and ſharp in th... Buſineſs, as any where. And, *Roger*, I will pawn my ... putation and Honour, that the Gentlemen of *Londonde...* and *Inniſkilling* will never be Neuters, when their Cou... try is in Danger. I ſhall ſpeak a Word in particular ... thoſe Gentlemen, the next Time we meet; but I m... break off now.

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